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MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED FOR REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 27-year-old Richard Guerrier was sentenced today to 27 months in federal prison for the crime of reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of Haiti.

"As this sentence shows, those who violate U.S. immigration laws will be prosecuted and face significant jail time," said United States Attorney Tom Colantuono. He added that, "This case and many others like it reflect our commitment to the vigilant enforcement of those laws."

Guerrier, who is also known as Viggins Guerrier and Carlos Guerrier, formerly lived on Ahern Street in Manchester. He was deported from the United States on May 17, 1999. On or about January 15, 2003, he was found in Manchester, New Hampshire by an agent of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On February 5, 2003, Guerrier was indicted by a federal grand jury for illegally reentering the United States after being deported. Guerrier pled guilty to this charge on January 1, 2004.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.